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SUBJECT: GREEK GOVERNMENT REACTION TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF
TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE

1. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS AFTER LENGTHY EVENING
MEETING WITH KEY CABINET MEMBERS FEBRUARY 13 ISSUED
STATEMENT CONDEMNING ANNOUNCEMENT OF "FEDERATED TURKISH
CYPRIOT STATE." BEGIN TEXT: ALTHOUGH THE CYPRIOT
GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED TO THE TURKISH SIDE A
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT OF THE
CYPRUS ISSUE THAT COULD RESTORE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN
THE ISLAND, THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER, MR. DENKTASH,
SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED TODAY THE ADOPTION OF MEASURES
WITHIN THE AREA HELD BY THE TURKS, AIMED AT MAKING
PERMANENT THE PARTITION OF CYPRUS. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT
HASTENED TO ADOPT THIS ARBITRARY ACT, ALLEGING ITS PURPOSE
WAS TO CREATE ONE OF THE TWO PARTS OF AN UNDEFINED FEDERAL
STATE. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS SUCH ACTS AS
ARBITRARY, ILLEGAL AND CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS
AND DECISIONS. THEY FORM AN IMPUDENT CONTINUATION OF THE
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POLICY OF FAITS ACCOMPLIS AND ARMED VIOLENCE WHICH

JEOPARDIZES PEACE IN THIS SENSITIVE PART OF THE WORLD.
IT IS THUS SHOWN THAT GREECE WAS RIGHT IN PROCLAIMING FROM
THE FIRST MOMENT THAT THE TURKISH INVASION OF
CYPRUS AIMED AT ONLY ONE THING: TO OCCUPY A LARGE SECTION
OF THE ISLAND AND CONVERT IT INTO A TURKISH PROVINCE
THROUGH SOME SORT OF PARTITION SOLUTION. THE GREEK
GOVERNMENT, WHICH FROM THE MOMENT IT ASSUMED POWER HAS
SHOWN FULL RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW COUPLED WITH A
SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING, DENOUNCES INTERNATIONALLY THE
NEW TURKISH COUP AND RESERVES TO ITSELF ALL RIGHTS TO DEFEND
THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF HELLENISM WHICH ARE BEING VIOLATED.
END TEXT.

2. IN SEPARATE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, GOG ANNOUNCED THAT IT
WAS COGNIZANT OF RUMORS OF PUBLIC EXCITEMENT RESULTING
FROM THE NEW TURKISH PROVOCATION, BUT NO SPECIAL MEASURES
HAD BEEN TAKEN IN GREECE.
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